(7) Tahsildars.	Service on 25-2-31.			Pay on 25-2-31 Rs.
Mr. A. Parameswara Ayyar	29	9	12	240
,, C. Ramankutti Menon	30	11	26	240
,, M. Kunjan Menon	29	11	15	240
,, A. R. Mahadeva Ayyar	23	2	12	160
,, C. P. Achyuta Menon	18	1	11	180
Dy. Tahsildar G. Krishna Ayyar	18	0	12	140
Devaswam Inspectors—Mr. A. Achyuta Menon	19	10	14	130
Mr. V. G. Govindan Achan	19	4	12	135
,, P. S. Venkiteswara Ayyar	17	6	23	120
Managers of departments.				
Mr. V. Gopala Menon	22	2	7	140
,, K. C. Peter, Manager, Director's Office	17	6	8	130

(b) Government have not enquired.

Pending files.

449. Mr. Thomas Manjuran—(a) Will the Government kindly state the number of files pending in the Huzur more than three months old, more than 6 months old, more than one year old and more than 2 years old, at the time of the retirement of the last Diwan of the State;

(b) where there files pending at that time left over from the time of the Diwanship of Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon;

(c) will the Government kindly state the reason for the delay in the various cases;

(d) has the Government taken any action so far, to obviate this sort of delay in future ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 176, 139, 119 and 92 respectively.

(b) Yes.

(c) The questions dealt with were of such a nature that they could not be disposed of earlier.

(d) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (c) above.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Am I to understand from the answer to (d) that, in connection with the pendency of those files for a period of 8 years, there was nothing unsatisfactory, or that the present Government considers that the pendency was accounted for by the circumstances which are not under control of the administration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know the number of those files?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.— The number is given there.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—No, not of those referred to.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not got any more information.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Were those files disposed of since?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There may be a few files, for example, the survey disputes, boundary disputes, etc. There have been files like that which have been pending for 12 or 13 years. I do not think that all the files that have been pending from the time of Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon have been completely closed still.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Am I to understand that all the files that could be disposed of were disposed of before the leaving from service of the last Diwan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Registrar of Panchayats.

450. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the special qualifications, if any, of the newly appointed Registrar of Village Panchayats, to be appointed for that post;

(2) were there not seniors to him in service and pay fit to be appointed for the post even in the Huzur Office ;

(3) has the Government received any applications from persons in service and outside service;

(4) if so, who all have applied ;

(5) is it a fact that the Government on a former occasion has stated that the present appointee should not be given any independent charge;

(6) if so, what is the order and what led to it;

(7) does not the present Superintendent of Agriculture retire from service in Dhanu 1107, *i. e.*, ten months hence ;

(8) if on his retirement the pay of the Registrar of Village Panchayats is to be Rs. 250—300, what does the Government mean by appointing the new Registrar on Rs. 150—10—250;

(9) under the Proceedings of Government published on page 462 of the Government Gazette dated 23rd Kumbham 1106, will not the new Registrar of Panchayats be entitled to draw, on the retirement of Mr. Raman Menon, Rs. 250 which he would ordinarily be entitled to draw only 10 years hence?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) M. A. (Hons.), Revenue, Account, Forest and Education Tests.

(2) Yes, there was one, but he was on other duty.

(3) Only after the appointment was made.

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